

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 803

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Shawn McAward, 2008
Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shawn McAward is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Shawn McAward has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. McAward has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Shawn's academic prowess was duly recognized with memberships in National Honor Society, of which he served as President, and Beta Club, in addition to having been named a National Merit Finalist and participating in the Governor's School for International Studies; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated tremendous athletic prowess as a valued member of Seymour's track and cross-country teams, the Knoxville Track Club, and the AAU Southern Indoor Track and Field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McAward's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville through the auspices of the prestigious Presidential, Volunteer, and UTK Alumni Valedictorian scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Shawn's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Matt and Tammy McAward, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Shawn McAward's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Seymour High School Valedictorian, Mr. Shawn McAward, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.